

**REMARKS****Claim Status**

Claims 1-20 and 22-29 are pending. In the office action dated October 21, 2003, Claims 10 and 11 stand allowed whereas Claims 1-9, 12-20, and 22-29 stand rejected.

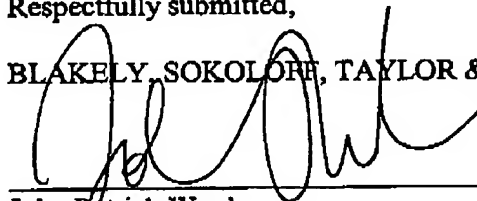
**Examiner Interview**

In an interview dated January 12, 2004, Examiner M. Ali and applicants' attorney discussed the office action dated October 21, 2003. The Examiner indicated that amended Claims 1, 8, 12, 17, and 27 would likely be allowable. Applicants request allowance of Claims 1, 8, 12, 17, and 27 and dependent claims. Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of Claims 1-20 and 22-29. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, please call the applicants' attorney at (212) 661-5488.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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